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AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

Dear Examiner:

This communication is responsive to the Final Office Action mailed on April 29, 2008, concerning the above-referenced patent application and setting a shortened three-month period for reply.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this document.